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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" A separate question may be given notice of."

*Grant to the Victoria Memorial Orphanage and Victoria Memorial Scheduled Castes Hostels, Vriddhachalam taluk.*

* 1375 *Q.*—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of grant given to the Victoria Memorial Orphanage and Victoria Memorial Labour Hostels in Vriddhachalam taluk;

(*b*) how many boarders (boys and girls) are maintained by these two hostels from the grant given by the Government; and

(*c*) what are the names of the persons who get grant from the Government for the maintenance of these two hostels referred to above?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The hon. Member apparently refers to Victory Memorial Orphanage aided by the Education Department and the Victory Memorial Scheduled Hostel aided by the Harijan Welfare Department. The former Orphanage received a grant of Rs. 1,509 from the Education Department during 1952–53 and the latter hostel received a grant of Rs. 12,900 during 1953–54 from the Harijan Welfare Department.

" (*b*) 29 and 94 boys respectively. There are no girl boarders in these hostels.

" (*c*) Sri P. Vedamanickam, the Manager of the two institutions, receives the grants paid to them."

SRI M. KATTIMUTHU :—" மேற்படி தாலூகாவில் ஒரே ஹாஸ்டல் இருப்பதனுல், இதை சர்க்கார் எடுத்து நடத்த முடியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If there is any mismanagement in the affairs of this hostel, certainly the Government will consider the question of taking it over."

*Extent of lands brought under the Japanese method of rice cultivation.*

* 1376 *Q.*—SRI L. C. PAIS (on behalf of Sri T. Ananta Pai) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state— 11–10 a.m.

(*a*) the extent of lands brought under the Japanese method of cultivation of rice in 1953 ; and

(*b*) what has been the net total increase in the yield?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The extent of lands brought under the Japanese method of rice cultivation as modified to suit local conditions in this State during 1953–54 was 12,893 acres up to January 1954. The number of Demonstration Plots on cultivators' fields was 9,962 up to January 1954.